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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7297 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2009

BILL NUMBER: HB 1608 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Internet Connection.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Murphy BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State&Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires the Department of Education to develop a strategic plan that provides for an increase in the bandwidth of all public high school computer systems to a minimum of 100 megabits by December 31, 2012.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department could incur some additional expense in developing the strategic plan. The increase to develop the plan would be minor. The impact to implement the plan would depend on the plan and is unknown.

Background: There was \$7 M appropriated for School and Library Internet Connection for the 2007-2009 biennium. Of the \$7M, \$4.6 M was to be used for matching grants for school internet connections and related equipment.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools could have some increase cost to implement the strategic plan that provides for an increase in the bandwidth of all public high school computer systems to a minimum of 100 megabits by December 31, 2012. The impact to implement the plan would depend on the plan and is unknown.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources:

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